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#### THE OFFENSES OF MORMONISM

Origin of the Church and the Crimes Committed In the Name of Religion.

ITS PRACTICE OF POLYGAMY

Dr. Peart Denounces Its Leaders and Calls Upon Good People to Protest Against the Seating of Roberts.

Sunday evening Dr. Peart preached on Mormonism at the Methodist church. He took his text from 1 Cor., 7, 2: "Let every man have his own wife, and every wife her own husband." I believe that every man should have full sway in the exercise of his religious conviction. He ought to be permitted to worship God as his judgment directs and his conscience approves. The killing of the apostles, the burning at the stake of Latimer, Ridley and others, the stoning of John Wesley, and the banishment of Roger Williams, are all crimes—crimes for which the perpetrators must one day answer. However, while I have asserted that every man should have full sway in the exercise of his religious convictions, I must say, provided his religion is moral and conforms with the laws of virtue, common decency, and Christian propriety, and if it does not, public sentiment should be pronounced against it and a law should be enacted for its absolute prohibition. I do not appear before you tonight to speak against Mormonism, because those people believe that Joseph Smith received a special revelation from God, and that he was commissioned by John the Baptist to preach, and later ordained by Peter, John and James. I think this a piece of madness and egregious folly, but that does not prompt me to preach this sermon, it's because I think that Mormonism is immoral, indecent, and an infraction of the laws of nature and of God. Now for the benefit of those who may not know anything about the origin of Mormonism, I will give a laconic sketch of its beginning. Joseph Smith seems to have been the originator of Mormonism. At the age of 15 he began his prophetic career. Three years later the place containing the sacred books was revealed to him. At the age of 22 the sacred books were put into his hands together with two silver plates, by the means of which he was enabled to translate the strange

language into English. Only eight persons were allowed to look at the original copy after which the silver plates were given back to Cruger, Gabriel, from whom they came. The first edition of this book was published in 1820 at Palmyra, N. Y. The name comes from Mormon, the prophet, who claims he received a commission to write a history of his people—a race that had come from Jerusalem to America 600 B. C.

The first Mormon church was organized in 1830, at Fayette, N. Y., with six members. Converts multiplied with great rapidity, organizing churches in New England, Pennsylvania and Ohio. They went by orders of a special revelation to Missouri and formed a colony. They met with persecution here, their bishop being tarred and feathered, their printing presses burned, and ordered to leave the state by the governor, their evil practices filling the people with wrath and indignation. They went from Missouri to Illinois. Here they disgusted the people by their audacious operations, and they were put in prison by order of the chief executive of the state, Brigham Young, with a thousand families, left Illinois. They wintered in Nebraska. In the spring of 1847 Young, with a band of 1443 men started out for the Rocky mountains, reaching their present seat of power in Utah, and in July, 1847, this is a brief sketch of the beginning of Mormonism. Now notice of what Mormonism has been guilty of. Mormonism has been guilty of deliberate and atrocious murders. She has been a religion of homicide, "her land a land of assassination and blood." This is a serious charge to lay at the door of a religious sect, and I would certainly not do so were I not able to substantiate the statement. We learn that in 1857 that a number of persons started from Arkansas and Missouri for California, the land of flowers and sunshine. They had to pass through Utah. At this place the emigrants usually took on new supplies. While here they were suddenly and somewhat unexpectedly attacked by the Utah militia, but the militia was repulsed. The emigrants constructed a temporary fortification, within this enclosure they suffered intensely for water, it not being considered safe for any one of the men or women to go outside of the barricade. Two little girls were sent with buckets to the spring, their fathers and mothers thinking or believing that the Mormons would not be so cruel and wicked, and heartless as to harm the little ones, but in the act of getting water they were shot and killed. Among the emigrants were three men who volunteered to go to California to ask for assistance. They got but a short distance till they were butchered. A little later every man woman and child in the emigrant train were killed except those who were too young to tell the story. Women were stripped naked and butchered like cattle. Have they not been guilty of wilful

and atrocious murder? And think that we have men in our city representing this religion of "blood and assassination," preaching in our streets. Coming to our homes with their infamous doctrine. Who ever heard of such brazen effrontery? Not a few persons sleep today the sleep of death because they exposed and revealed their evil practice and the secrets of their government.

Mormonism has been guilty of antagonizing our government. They take an oath binding themselves to obedience to the spiritual or head of the church and disobedience to any power that dares to oppose or attempt to abolish their nefarious and abominable practice.

Mormonism is an enemy of the United States, antagonistic to her government, and a deliberate violator of her laws. Touch her infernal and pointed religion and she would annihilate you if she could. Mormonism is a hater of our government and would crush it if she was able.

3. Mormonism has been guilty of charging our Lord with polygamy. It is stated by one that Brigham Young taught that Christ had plural wives. Mary and Martha were his wives; that Mary Magdalen was another, and that the marriage of himself. Thus making it appear that he had four wives. This Young did to defend and justify his own loathsome law. He needed some excuse for his licentious sensual habits.

2. What shall we do with it? I said to myself in preparing this sermon. Take every woman and child away, then send Devey with his gun or Miles with his troops and clean out every he-goat they find. But to business. I protest, and protest vigorously and mightily, against the seating of Roberts in congress. If we can unseat him it will be a terrific blow against Mormonism. He has three wives. He admits it. He prides in it. Assuming an attitude at once defiant to our laws. What a splendid law maker he would make, walking into congress and taking his seat and then resting upon his shoulders the great crime of polygamy; a man making laws for the conduct of others and every moment of his life living in open violation of law. The constitution of the United States invests congress with the power to judge of the qualification of its members. Protest to congress against his being seated; it has the power to do so.

2. Disfranchise the Mormon. The country is petitioning congress to disfranchise the polygamist or disqualify him from holding office. Disfranchise the Mormon, deprive him of citizenship till he makes up his mind to become an American, stand by the flag and obey her laws. At present his religion is annihilation, rebellion and treason. Give him the rights of citizenship when he is willing to comply with all that is meant by that word.

3. Enforce the law against polygamy just as we execute it in any other

state against the same crime. Polygamy is an infraction of the law. Why not execute the law then against it? I plead tonight for a swift annihilation of this infamous system.

#### GENERAL WHITE'S BRAVERY.

Birmingham Post. Lord Ripon, speaking a few days ago, described General White as the "bravest of the brave." When he used that language—in which all who knew Sir George White intimately will concur—he was, probably, recalling an incident that occurred when he was viceroy, and the colonel, as he then was, acted as military secretary. There was to be fighting on the Afghan frontier, and Colonel White asked permission to go to the front. Lord Ripon demurred, on the ground that he could not spare so able an adviser. But Colonel White clinched the matter by putting a question. "What," he asked, "will be said if my regiment is cut to pieces and I am not with it?" Lord Ripon yielded. Colonel White rode almost day and night till he joined his regiment; those who saw his welcome by the men say it was a scene never to be forgotten. It was soon afterwards that he won the Victoria Cross. He did so with splendid bravery allied to the finest spirit of leadership. At the end of a heavy march the regiment, about to bivouac, found that the Afghan guns dominated them at close range. Colonel White gave the order to charge.

The men were physically unfit; they were utterly worn out, but their commander knew that the effort must be made. He gave the order three times; the men only looked at him helplessly. He gave the order again and rode off alone, trusting to the regiment to follow. He went right up to the guns; the men, seeing him luring so much, were inspired; they went after their leader, and the guns were taken. It was the same acute perception of the chances of a battlefield that first gave him the opportunity of promotion; he was an old captain before his good luck gave him the opportunity of handling men under the eyes of Lord Roberts, then in the heyday of his success on the northern frontier of India. His quickness in seizing the critical moment for action and in assisting a battalion that was very hard pressed was noted by Lord Roberts; he got promotion and was asked what service he would like. "Give me command of your advance guard," he said, keen to be always in touch with the enemy. He got it, and his foot was firmly planted on the ladder of promotion. His friends say of him that he is one of the best "fighting generals" in the British army. It is pleasant to hear this talk of him today, when the club critic is still disposed to hint many doubts founded necessarily on ignorance.

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